

## OVER THE TEA CUPS

Soon the time will be ripe for a treatise on the Rise and Fall of Big Sleeves. Alas for the future that relegates them to the past! I love the big sleeve—the sleeve that falls in generous outlines like those that Gibson pictures so tellingly, something between a full leg o' mutton and the long puff. Over this I say my benediction: "May your shadow never grow less!"

Yes, I love the big sleeve. Not the huge, stiff balloon, nor yet the fat mutton-leg that looks as solid as its name. I must confess, however, to little love for the clinging armful of gath-ers that droop dejectedly over the hand like a collapsed balloon. Such a sleeve does not fit the modern woman. It should be worn by the lackadaisical fainting female of the early novelists, the incarnation of the clinging vine. No, I prefer the sleeve with character—one not too severe in its lines, nor too ornate. The breadth is better at the shoulders, or a little below, than at the elbows. Wide elbows are wholly incongruous. They suggest the narrow shoulders of the ivy type of woman joined to arms akimbo of the athletic new bachelor maid, determined to make her way through the crowd or die in the attempt.

The drooping bishop sleeve must be attached to a stiff cuff, to be "strong," (to quote the one word now the fad in art criticism). Otherwise it seems gasping for starch, and will call for the tightening of the belt. If a full sleeve is left to fall from shoulder to wrist with no cuff or band, the objectionable droop is avoided, and you have art, pure and simple.

The big sleeve that I admire has a certain harmony, a mystery, an artistic carelessness that is not slovenliness, and a comfort for the wearer no coat-sleeve can afford.

It is said that the fashion-makers, comic-newspaper men and storekeepers have been the only ones to profit by the large sleeves. Not only these. Every woman over-blessed with aver-dupoise has been glad to adopt the wrinkled corsage and the kindly folds of the big sleeve. Every woman who has sighed in vain for additional flesh has blessed the big sleeves which conceal the suggested bones, though they be beautiful as Trilby's. Most of all has the big sleeve been a luxury to the women who have adopted the Jeane-Miller system of rational dress. Those who would not constrict their waists have been nobly supported by the arm drapery, and they will be the last to lay aside this custom. Will they, can they ever go back to the long, plain, tight old coat-sleeve? Rather let it be consigned to fashion plates for men, there to stay as long as women wear skirts!

As a basis for artistic gowning the big sleeve has no rival. Effects can be secured in the form, not merely in senseless trimmings. The big sleeves have often been hideous, I admit, but generally when propped up by unwieldy linings, when worn in a smooth, tight bodice, or when accompanied by a diminutive waist-measure. They have been mangled in the making by unskilled hands. They have been most uncomfortable when one needed to wear an outside garment with other big sleeves, but they have permitted greater freedom in dress, greater variety of style, and greater freedom of movement.

Their chief moral value lies in the encouragement they give to the natural figure. Do you think it merely an accident that the "great waist" came into the Paris fashions after a long run of big sleeves? I tell you it was a logical outcome of big sleeves, and the sanest mode ever adopted. It makes for health, for comfort, for the up-building of women, and through them of civilized races. Thanks to the big sleeve, the woman with the normal waist-measure may be comfortably and charmingly attired. With the tight coat-sleeves, on the contrary, which implies flat trimmings and close fitting bodices, common sense women were always poorly gowned.

In his "How to Live on the Hawaiian Islands," Dr. Russell speaks wisely about dress. He praises the holoku none too highly, nor does he condemn too strongly the prevalent tight dressing. I find it more than uncomfortable and unhygienic; in this climate at least it is atrociously inartistic, because it is not adapted to existing conditions. What reason can there be in the tight, thick tailor-made gown, its rows and rows of steels, its skirt that stands alone? How differently people look at the human body! Physicians find no need in it for three or four spinal columns, but consider their absence in front and at the sides as a provision for expansion of organ, freedom of motion and unimpeded circulation. The stay maker, on the contrary, finds a providential call for his trade! Frances Power Cobbe says she believes in women till she sees the fashion plate. I believe in them till I consider the corset. Then I doubt.

Our dressmakers, who live by fashion plates, are tyrants ever, but only to please us the better. They know we wish to be well dressed, and this is their way of accomplishing our wish: They decide what measurements are in fashionably ratio to our height, and

make our gowns on that scale (all in the same mould). Our part is the simpler—to be cast into them like so much metal. Then if we should add ten pounds to our weight we mustn't even think of enlarging our dresses. Oh, no! We must just squeeze into them, regardless! Even dressmakers are amenable to reason, and are willing to be educated, provided the would-be teacher displays a spark of artistic originality. Let us teach our dressmakers, then, that in our gowns they must consider first comfort, which is health; then beauty; last of all "style," which is fad.

Physicians still have some little influence in the matter, the teachers of vocal and physical culture still more, but most of all can be done by women who have taste and means to dress well, and who can study to be fashion plates for their poorer sisters who wish to dress wisely and well. Last of all comes the unconscious bicycle, the greatest dress-reformer in the world, who is showing to women that well developed nature is the highest embodiment of the human form divine. SIBYL.

Mrs. Swanzy delighted a number of young people in a moonlight bathing party to Miss Field and Miss Stubbs of San Francisco at the Waikiki home of Mrs. Wilder on the evening of Friday, September 18th. After bathing had been indulged in to the heart's content supper was served on the verandas and upon the lawn where everything was arranged for comfort and ease. A band of native singers near by added to the delight of the evening.

Miss Bertha Young entertained a number of her friends in a tennis party at her home on King street Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6. Light refreshments were served on the lawn during the progress of the exciting games of tennis.

The engagement of Mary E. Rickard, daughter of W. H. Rickard of Honolulu, to L. de L. Ward of Wm. G. Irwin & Co., is announced.

Miss Young gave a bicycle party for a number of young friends last Monday evening. A delightful time was spent.

### SUFFERED FOR YEARS.

Almost Constant Pain the Portion of a Woman.

She at Last Found a Remedy Which Effected Disease.

From the Press, New York City.

Few people have suffered more from pain in the back than Mrs. Lillie B. Newell of No. 2313 Second Avenue, New York City. For several years she was so afflicted with this distressing malady that she was hardly able to get around, and could do little to care for her children which made her suffering all the harder to bear. Her husband, Charles Newell, who is a well-known New York optician, tried in every way to find a remedy for his wife, but no medicine seemed to have the power to remove her pain.

Mrs. Glynn, a sister of Mrs. Newell, is a professional nurse, and was familiar with the symptoms of her sister's sickness. Mrs. Newell was away on a visit when a reporter called upon her, but Mrs. Glynn, who lives at No. 416 East One-hundred-and-twentieth street told the story of her sister's recovery.

A doctor was called when Mrs. Newell's condition became serious and he prescribed small pink pills which, in a short time, relieved the woman's pain as no other medicine had done. "After awhile," Mrs. Glynn told the reporter, "we learned that the medicine the physician was giving my sister was nothing more than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Knowing by experience how excellent a remedy these pills were, Mrs. Newell bought some at a drug store and continued taking them. The effect was most gratifying, for in six months my sister was perfectly well and the pain in her back was nothing more than an unpleasant memory. Both she and I have recommended the Pink Pills to other people, who have not failed to find them all that is claimed. All the doctors my sister had been treated by, before taking the pills, had done her no apparent good."

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The value of the cotton exported from the New Orleans harbor last year was nearly \$75,000,000.

### FROM HILO TOWN.

Cullings From the Second City's Journal.

Arbor Day Appropriately Celebrated—Races and Baseball—Commissioner Hawes' Visit—New Machinery.

[Hawaii Herald.]

Arbor day was celebrated in town by sports of various kinds. A ball game in the morning between the Waialeas and the Lahuis was won by the latter by a score of twenty to nineteen. The yacht race was taken by L. Severance's flyer, the "Aurora," second place being awarded to Senator Lyman's "Sunbeam." The "Astoria" was given third place. The ball game in the afternoon was won by the Hiloas by a score of thirteen to sixteen. The latter game was finished in a rain storm which greatly hindered the players. A full account of the day's sports was prepared for this issue, but was unavoidably crowded out through lack of space.

A row between Japanese in Kaimaliu, Kona, this week resulted in one of the number being severely but not dangerously stabbed by a fellow countryman who is employed as a cook by J. D. Paris of that place. An investigation was held, but with their usual secretiveness, the Japs refused to testify. It is probable that the matter has been settled between themselves.

Mr. J. W. Mason, manager of the Capital Coffee Company of Oahu, returned from a business trip to the Eastern States by the Santiago. He was accompanied by his wife and family. During his absence, Mr. Mason purchased a large amount of improved machinery for his plantation.

Bishop Willis is expected to arrive by the next Kinau, and arrangements have been made for him to hold Episcopal services in the Portuguese church on the evening of Sunday, October 4th. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

The Lehuu brought fifty bags of coffee from Honokaa for shipment to San Francisco per Santiago.

[Hilo Tribune.]

British Commissioner Hawes, who has been staying for some weeks in Kona and lately at the volcano, came down from the abode of Madame Pele on Monday afternoon, September 21st, and remained until Wednesday morning, a guest of Mr. C. C. Kennedy, of Waialea. Mr. Hawes, in company with his host, spent Tuesday morning in a drive around the city, and in a visit to the road work now in progress at Papaikou. A short time was also spent at the plantation mill where the wire cable specially interested our visitor. Later in the day Mr. Kennedy took Mr. Hawes around Coconut Island and in his steam launch. In the evening the Commissioner was the guest of Mr. C. E. Richardson at the Foreign Church social held at that gentleman's residence. Her Majesty's representative left for Kohala by the Kinau on Wednesday morning and will remain there for some days as the guest of Mr. Robert Wallace. In the early part of October he will return to Kona where some time will be spent prior to returning to Honolulu. It is understood that Mr. Hawes will visit Hilo next year, when he expects to make a lengthy stay.

### THE GAINSBOROUGH.

Donkey Engine Pumping Out the Water—List to Starboard.

A donkey engine was taken out to the Gainsborough Saturday morning, and after hard work until Sunday afternoon was put aboard and made ready for work.

The sea was running so high that much difficulty was encountered in getting the engine into a small boat and afterwards on the wreck. In trans-

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shipping a guy rope broke and but for the capability of the captain of the schooner the engine would have been lost overboard.

From the Diamond Head lookout station Captains Ward and Calway and an engineer could be plainly seen getting the donkey into position after it was placed on deck, and at 4:30 p. m. yesterday it began pumping.

The wreck is hard and fast on the beach, with a heavy list to starboard, and the seas breaking over her. The starboard rail is completely submerged, but the hatches are battened down to prevent any water getting in from the deck. If the donkey can pump the water out fast enough to allow patching the hole in her bow, there is no doubt the vessel will be floated. One of the stern lines parted on Saturday, but was spliced during the day. At present but one line is used on the vessel, but the other will be put out again this morning.

### The Matter Settled.

Marshal Brown made an official call on Senhor A. de S. Canavarro, Charge d' Affaires for Portugal, yesterday, and tendered an apology for his arrest the other night for riding a bike without the prescribed light. The Marshal expressed deep regret over the matter, and assured Mr. Canavarro that the arrest was wholly uncalled for in this instance, and added that the patrolman had been suspended for his action.

Mr. Canavarro accepted the apology and acted in the most friendly manner, and informed the Marshal that any proceedings on his part would be dropped.

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